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821st Air Base Group stands up at Thule

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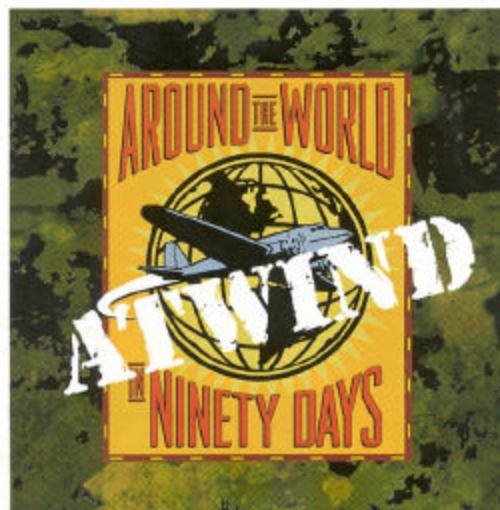


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## From the Top

# Fundamentals see you through

By Col. Don Alston  
21st Space Wing Vice Commander

There are a lot of 21st Space Wing alumni around the world, and I'm about to join their ranks.

I think those experienced former Knights would all use similar expressions to describe the wing. Huge. Uncommon span of control.

Geographically separated. Challenges of running multiple installations, let alone Peterson with three tenant headquarters. Diverse operational systems. Arctic and desert conditions – together.

Unique. Commanding and controlling this wing is one heck of an enterprise. The bedrock of success, particularly with our challenges, is a single characteristic.

Good fundamentals.

I think it's worth emphasizing that definitions of 'fundamental' include the words 'essential' and 'foundation.'

Fundamentals include consistent processes that produce repeatable results. Whether you're in the 21st Space Wing or any other wing, the 'enemies' of consistent unit performance are personnel turnover, depletion of experience, and opstempo that can lead to cutting corners.

In our wing, those enemies are fortified by our exceptional distances and the diversity of our operations. And these conditions are precisely the reason we absolutely must have rock-solid fundamentals.

With 6,000 members, we have a pool of experience unmatched in the Air Force, but only if we continue to find ways to take advantage of that.

Strong training and evaluation programs are highly portable, regardless of the dif-



Photo by Master Sgt. Kristin Clark  
**Esther Martin, 21st Space Wing Manpower Office, and Col. Don Alston, 21st Space Wing Vice Commander, dish up during a potluck.**

ference in operational systems. Highly successful customer-focused services are portable too because they are definitely not left to chance or the different personalities and attitudes of the professional at the counter. High expectations are set. Every member knows what success is and the only thing left is consistent execution.

I submit to you that our wing has a legacy of elevating the differences between our units, compared to celebrating and leveraging the things we have in common. It's easy to see the unique challenges at Thule vs. the unique challenges at Cavalier. I don't think it's difficult to also see what they have in common.

With this emphasis on fundamentals and exploiting 'best in breed' processes across the wing, where does that leave innovation? In the name of innovation, we sometimes promote special solutions as the only way to get the job done.

If you're doing something different than anyone else, first, be worried. Lots of officer performance reports, enlisted performance reports, and civilian appraisals are littered with 'innovations' that, in

reality, didn't advance the ball. Great fundamentals lead to sound innovations and those who can improve the process the most, are those who understand the process the best.

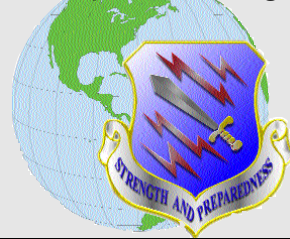
Each of us takes great pride in being a part of something special. As the only Air Force wing charged with strategic and theater missile warning, as well as space control, by definition, there's nobody out there like us. But like every other unit, proficiency never stands still — it's either getting better or worse.

Your hedge is to rely on sound fundamentals. Ours is an uncommon wing that is made more combat effective when we celebrate and leverage what all our units have in common.

Go get the Aldridge trophy back — I'll go and do my best to hang onto the Blanchard.

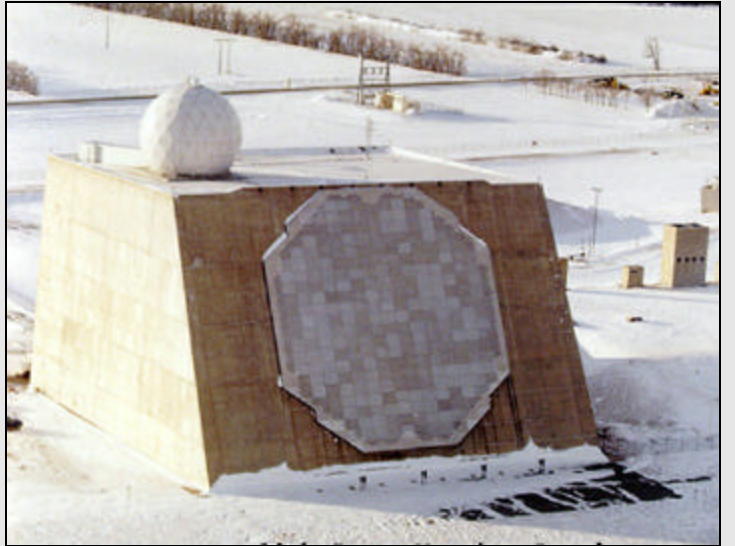
*\*\*Editor's Note: As he completes 15 months as vice commander, Colonel Alston departs to command the 341st Space Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont. The 21st Space Wing bids farewell, thanks, and Godspeed to the Alston family.*

21st Space Wing



# GSU

At a Glance



**Unit:** 10th Space Warning Squadron

**Location:** Cavalier Air Station, N.D.

**Mission:** The 10th Space Warning Squadron, Cavalier Air Force Station, N.D., provides tactical warning and attack assessment of sea-launched and intercontinental ballistic missiles launched against the continental United States and southern Canada.

The squadron tracks the skies using the Perimeter Acquisition Radar Characterization System—a single-faced phased array radar. Missile warning data and assessment information is sent to the North American Aerospace Defense Command Missile Warning Center at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo.

Additionally, the 10th SWS provides surveillance, tracking and space object identification support for the space surveillance network.

Ballistic missile early warning, like that done by the 10th SWS, is the Air Force Space Command's highest priority. Twenty nations have nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. Early warning helps the United States detect ballistic missile launches and take any necessary action.



Courtesy photo

## Watching the skies

**2nd Lt. Willie Caudill, 10th Space Warning Squadron, performs space-tracking updates.**

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## A Moment in Time: July



■ On July 2, 1926, the U.S. Army Air Corps was organized.

■ On July 1, 1949, the Air Force announced its plan to desegregate.

■ On July 1, 1992, Gen. Ronald W. Yates became the first Air Force Materiel Command Commander.

■ On July 1, 1993, Gen. Henry Viscellio Jr. became the first Air Education and Training Command Commander.

*Information courtesy of Staff Sgt. Trisha Morgan, 21st Space Wing History Office*



## News

# New group stands up at Thule Air Base

By Capt. Don Kerr  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 821st Air Base Group unsheathed its guidon at Thule Air Base, Greenland, June 21. In a significant day that will go down in Thule history, the diverse and vital military community in northern Greenland activated a new group and two squadrons, as well as welcomed four new commanders to the "top of the world."

With flights of airmen proudly standing at attention in service dress, surrounded by American, Danish and Greenlandic members of Team Thule, Brig. Gen. Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander, presided over a ceremony that activated the Air Force's newest group, the 821st ABG. Col. Louis E. Christensen took command of the new group. Along with that designation are two new squadrons, the 821st Support Squadron, commanded by Lt. Col. Robert L. Orwig, Jr., and the 821st Security Forces Squadron, commanded by Maj. Robert E. Winters, Jr.

The official ceremony began with the changing of the guard for the 12th Space Warning Squadron. Previously, Col. Craig C. Whitehead, 12th SWS Commander, was also the installation commander for Thule. With the new group designation, the air base group commander will oversee all efforts in support of personnel, resources, and host-tenant relations for

Thule AB, which currently supports approximately 1,000 year-round residents. The new 12th SWS Commander, Lt. Col. Shawn J. Barnes, will oversee all personnel and operations of this critical missile warning and space control radar site inside the Arctic Circle.

While the 12th SWS Commander still reports directly to the 21st Operations Group, the new air base group commander reports directly to the 21st Space Wing. The unique relationship at Thule, however, is that the 821st will provide a host of support resources, including security forces, transportation, and various administrative support to the 12th SWS. With the activation of the group and an additional two squadrons, the 21st Space Wing now encompasses five groups, 26 squadrons, and 14 space weapons systems in 20 different locations around the world.

"What a great day for Thule," remarked Col. Christensen. This reorganization is absolutely the smart thing to do. This allows us to concentrate on people, power, and pipeline issues and the 12th SWS commander can rightfully concentrate on the operational mission. Both units are stronger because of this reorganization."

The ceremony featured the national anthems of Canada, Denmark, Greenland, and the United States. In addition to Brig. Gen. Deal, Col. Mike Rampino, 21st Operations Group



Phot by Tech. Sgt. Mike Garcia

**Two members of Team Thule unfurl the 821st Air Base Group guidon before Brig. Gen Duane Deal, 21st Space Wing Commander, center left, as he presents it to Col. Louis E. Christensen, 821st ABG Commander.**

Commander, Commander Holmer Soergaard, the Danish Liaison Officer, Whitehead and Christensen all addressed the audience in attendance.

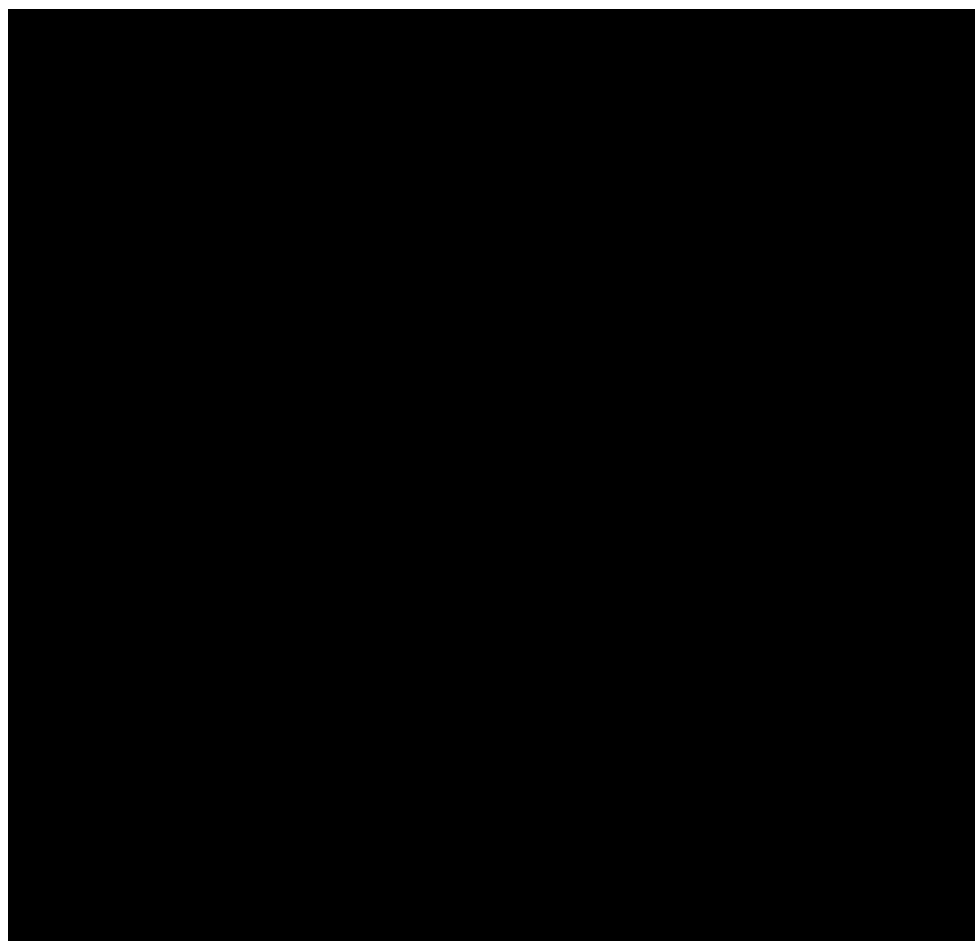
During his address, Deal applauded Thule members for their outstanding multi-national teamwork and their ability to successfully execute their missions in an austere environment. He praised the leadership efforts and accomplishments of Whitehead over the past year, and lauded the achievements and future potential of the 12th SWS under the direction of Barnes.

Regarding the change, Deal emphasized, "This transition fits in perfectly with the evolving organizational efforts of our Air Force, as well as its expeditionary nature. With the 821st

focusing on the base, the 'forward deployed' 12 SWS can have an undiluted focus directly on its critical missile warning and space surveillance missions, while other tenant units can do the same. The presence of the 821st thus creates a more efficient and effective structure for base operating support functions for the base and its myriad of operations."

"Team Thule," as it's referred to, is accurate in every sense of the word. Greenlandic citizens to Danish military members to the temporary members from the Canadian Armed Forces and U.S. Air National Guard to the almost 130 active-duty U.S. airmen, all work together to reach mission success at Thule.

## Lord sends safety message



### Details on seven killed

■ Three officers were killed south of Ciudad Acuna, Coah., Mx. Assigned to Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, they were killed in a car accident June 22.

■ Three Air Force members were killed when their car hit an overpass pillar on I-95 in North Carolina

June 21.

■ An Air National Guard member was killed in a car accident the morning of June 21. She was on her way to work in Jacksonville, Fla. when the accident occurred.

(Information courtesy of the 21st Space Wing Safety Office. Names have been withheld pending notification of next of kin.)

## News Briefs

### HAYMAN FIRE NEWS

Any Pete Complex members affected by the Hayman Fire should go to [petecentral](http://petecentral) or [www.dola.state.co.us/oem/PublicInformation/firebans/sitrep](http://www.dola.state.co.us/oem/PublicInformation/firebans/sitrep) for information on the fire and what to do if you are affected by it.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Family Support Center is coordinating a volunteer effort to help with the Hayman Fire.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call Jim Reynolds at 556-9268.

### WATER RESTRICTIONS

Due to severe drought conditions, Peterson Air Force Base and Colorado Springs have gone to Stage II water restrictions.

During Stage II, residents should only water their lawns in the early morning or late evening. If you live in an even numbered house, you can water on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. Odd numbered houses can water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

There is no watering permitted on Mondays, and excessive water use will be closely monitored.

Also during Stage II, the car wash will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If Phase III is implemented, the car wash will be closed.

Watch the base marquees and the *Space Observer* for the latest water restriction stages and changes.

### RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new fire station will be Tuesday, 11 a.m.

### TAXIS AND FOOD DELIVERY

The 21st Security Forces Squadron has developed a process to allow local bus routes, taxis and food delivery on base beginning July 1.

Provide the driver with an accurate phone number so the entry controller can call you when the food is at the gate.

Once the delivery is verified, the driver will be let on base. If you are unreachable, the delivery will be turned away.

All taxis coming on base will be searched.

For more information, call Security Forces at 556-4000.

### ALS OPENING

There is a job opening at the Peterson Air Force Base Airman Leadership School.

The school is accepting applications for a Flight Chief. Applicants must be at least a master sergeant with an associate's degree or the ability to finish one within a year. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 15.

For more information or to find out what to include in the application package, call Master Sgt. Joey Quiroz at 556-7737 or Tech. Sgt. Kevin Allen at 556-4940.

# Peterson's water quality report released

## *Water on Pete surpasses state, federal standards*

Base members can get the facts about the water they drink every day thanks to the recently released Colorado Springs Utilities' 2002 Water Quality Report. The reporting period for this report was Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2001.

This report is designed to inform the public about the quality water and services CSU delivers to the city's population, including Peterson Air Force Base, every day.

According to Colorado Springs Utilities, their drinking water continually meets or surpasses state and federal standards for drinking water.

CSU, as well as the 810th Medical Operations Squadron's Bioenvironmental Engineer, test the water that is used on base.

"We test water at 13 different sampling locations per month, including the aquatic center, the child development centers, the dining facility and the housing area for microbiological contaminants," said Mike Puleo, Environmental Program Manager at Bioenvironmental

Engineering. "All bacteriological water samples report negative for the presence of bacteria."

"In July 2001, we performed annual lead sampling at the child development and youth centers to ensure our water met all state and federal standards," Puleo said. "Our samples reported lead well below the EPA action level of 15 parts per billion."

Local water sources included North and South Cheyenne Creeks, Fountain and Bear Creeks, and the Northfield Watershed.

Five conventional filtration treatment plants – Pine Valley, McCullough, Mesa, Ute Pass and Fountain Valley – located in the Colorado Springs area - treat this water using widely accepted, standard technology.

Throughout the process of collection, treatment and distribution, certified water treatment plant operators and laboratory staff monitor the water quality for its chemical and biological content.

Some of these analyses are required to meet state and federal standards, while others are part of ongoing testing to assure a continual supply of high-quality drinking water.

As water travels over the surface of the land and through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about the contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or by logging onto [www.epa.gov/safewater](http://www.epa.gov/safewater).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general public.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA and Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available on the Safe Drinking Water Hotline as well.

CSU encourages and invites public interest and par-

ticipation in community decision-making affecting drinking water.

CSU is governed by the Utilities Board. Utilities Board meetings are open to the public.

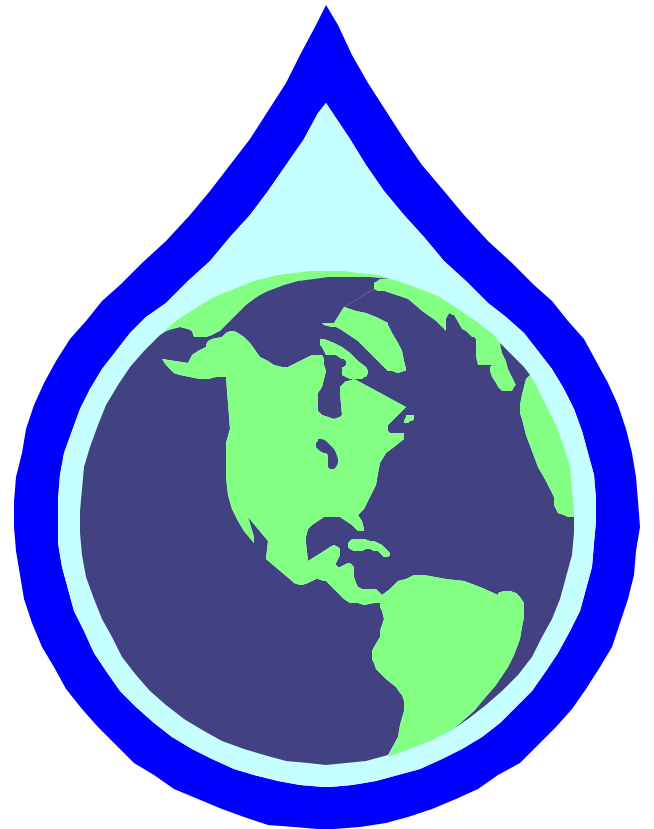
To view the complete 2002 Water Quality Report, visit [www.csu.org](http://www.csu.org), and then click on Residential Services, then Water and Wastewater, the Water Quality Report 2002.

Customers without web

access can get a hard copy of the report at the Bioenvironmental Engineering office in Building 1246 located at 625 W. Ent Avenue.

For details on Peterson Air Force Base water quality, call Mike Puleo at 556-7721.

*(Water quality information courtesy of Colorado Springs Utilities and the 810th Medical Operations Squadron Bioenvironmental Engineering)*





## News



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## 7th SWS changes command

By Senior Airman  
Tim Jenkins7th Space Warning Squadron

Lt. Col. David Sutton assumed command of the 7th Space Warning Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, Calif., from Lt. Col. Dane Hollenga in a ceremony at Recce Point June 17.

Hollenga will move on to performing duties as the 14th Air Force chief of standardization and evaluation.

Sutton comes from the Pentagon, Washington D.C., where he acted as chief of systems operations, nuclear operations branch, directorate for nuclear and counterproliferation, and as the director of executive support for the deputy chief of staff, Air and Space Operations.

Col. Michael Rampino, 21st Operations Group Commander, 21st Space Wing, attended the ceremony and gave his thoughts on the

change of command.

"This is a very special time," he said. "Bittersweet, but very special. It's a great time to look back and reflect on the many accomplishments the squadron has made through the leadership of Lt. Col. Hollenga, but also to look to the future and all of the accomplishments Lt. Col. Sutton will lead the squadron to."

Hollenga, who has commanded the 7th since March of 2000, reflected on his time.

"Being a squadron commander has been everything it is said to be and more," said Hollenga. "Of course, any job associated with the 7th SWS would be great. It has been the single greatest honor of my life to serve as your commander. I will forever say with pride that I was a member of the 7th SWS."

Sutton said he's humbled and honored to have the opportunity to serve as the thirteenth commander of the 7th SWS.

"Since arriving at Beale, my family and I have received first-class support," said Sutton. "We look forward to becoming a member of Team Beale and the local community."

Sutton was previously assigned to Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., as a missile tactics planner, U.S. Strategic Command, and to Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., as an operations officer with the 3rd Space Operations Squadron, 50th Space Wing.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in financial management from the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colo., and his Master of Arts in business management from the University of South Dakota.

He is also a graduate of the Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Army Command and General Staff College, Naval Command and Staff College and Air War College.

Combined Intelligence  
Center cuts ribbonBy Lt. Gary Winton  
NORAD/USSPACECOM CIC

The men and women of the Combined Intelligence Center here were on hand May 28th to witness the official ribbon cutting for the new addition to their building.

The ceremony was hosted by Col. Mark Loos, Commander of the CIC, and officiated by Navy Capt.

Mike Noll, North American Aerospace Defense and U.S. Space Command J2.

The new building is the result of the new missions and threats associated with our changing world situation.

The people working at the CIC now have a more complete facility capable of supporting increasing NORAD and Space Command mission requirements.



Courtesy photo

From left: Col. Mark Loos, Combined Intelligence Center Commander, Lt. Gen. Edward Anderson, U.S. Space Command Deputy Commander, and Capt. Michael Noll, North American Aerospace Defense and USSPACECOM Director of Intelligence, cut the ribbon on the new Combined Intelligence Center May 28.



# Reservists continue fighting Colorado wildfires

By Senior Airman  
Stephanie Witty  
[934th Airlift Wing Public Affairs](#)

Reservists continue to fight back Colorado wildfires with the use of Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems.

As of Monday, aircrews from the Air Force Reserve Command's 302nd Airlift Wing here and the North Carolina Air National Guard 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte, N.C., have flown more than 97 sorties since June 14. They have dropped more than 261,000 gallons of fire retardant on three Colorado fires.

Reservists from the 302nd AW are battling blazes close to home even after some of them have been evacuated.

This is the first time since the 302nd AW began flying firefighting missions in the 1970s that firefighting operations have been staged out of Peterson.

"It has always been someplace else, so now, not only is it in Colorado

but it is close to Colorado Springs where our homes are being affected," said Lt. Col. Ted Wright, 731st Airlift Squadron Commander and MAFFS Mission Commander.

People who have been evacuated or placed on evacuation standby have had to plan for the worst and hope for the best.

"My wife and I sat down and decided, what do we need to get out of the house, what can't we replace, and what would we want to have if we had to live somewhere else?" said Senior Master Sgt. Peter Labarre, 731st AS loadmaster. "Trying to move your whole house is impossible."

Senior Master Sgt. Mary Christian, the 302nd AW aviation resource management superintendent, lives near Tranquil Lake about a mile from the evacuation line. She decided to evacuate June 18 after being placed on evacuation standby.

"My husband is activated and is in Germany, and I am working down here every day," she said. "I didn't want to have to listen to the radio and have

them say that they were evacuating Woodland Park and have to drive an hour just to get there and start unloading stuff, so I just brought everything down to the squadron."

Regardless of their evacuation status, the reservists want to help with the MAFFS mission.

"I am sure they don't want me working every day, but I feel like I know more about what is going on because I can get it firsthand," said

Christian. "I feel better sitting here; I know where the fire is firsthand from the crews rather than just trying to watch TV."

"Having a bird's-eye perspective is nice," said Labarre. "It's something that not everybody has. I have lot of friends and neighbors who call me up and ask what I saw today."

They are motivated to be a part of a mission that directly benefits their community.



Courtesy photo  
Master Sgt. Rick Christensen (left) relays a signal from the flight deck to fellow loadmaster Master Sgt. Robert Mitchell to drop fire retardant. Both loadmasters are reservists with the 731st Airlift Squadron, Peterson Air Force Base, which is one of three Reserve and Guard units flying aerial firefighting missions from Peterson.



Photo by Robb Lingley  
This house, near Lake George, Colo., was burned by the Hayman Fire. The fire has consumed more than 120,000 acres since June 8.



# A T Y O U R S E R V I C E

## Manpower, Services help Hayman firefighters

By 2nd Lt. Suzy Kohout  
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The ‘lunch bunch’ at the 21st Space Wing Manpower office donated their accrued ‘wooden nickels’ to a down-town fire department last Friday.

The donation was in support of Colorado Springs Fire Station 5, which is one of the many organizations helping to battle the Hayman Fire, as well as others burning throughout western Colorado.

Some organizations, including Station 5, are looking more for supplies rather than money donations.

The Manpower Office received an e-mail with information about volunteer opportunities and a few individuals started thinking about how they could help with the firefighting efforts.

The office decided to take their collection of wooden nickels and put them to good use.

They had accumulated about 460 wooden coins over a seven-month period, which totaled \$232. The ‘lunch bunch’ had collected enough wooden nickels for a coffee machine, a vacuum



Photos by Martha Hyde

The 21st Space Wing Manpower Office donated more than \$230 worth of supplies to firefighters combating the Hayman Fire.

cleaner, a microwave, dishes and more.

However, working with the enlisted club manager and the 21st Services Squadron, the wooden coins were converted to spendable money for supplies needed by Station 5.

“It’s great that our traditions of enjoying a good lunch and supporting our Enlisted Club can be translated into community support,” said Chief Master

Sgt. Darryel Evans, 21st Manpower Office Superintendent.

Last Thursday, members of the ‘lunch bunch’ developed a wish list for Services, who then bought long-handled shovels, long-handled rakes, antifreeze, brake and washer fluid, two-cycle oil for chain saws, all of which equaled the amount of the donated wooden coins.

After purchasing the supplies, the lunch bunch dropped them off at Station 5, a clearinghouse for incoming donations.

“This gave us the opportunity to team with Services folks to do something for the folks fighting in the front lines of this fire,” said Evans.

The wooden nickel program is a part of the Service’s marketing program at the Enlisted Club.

Every day during lunch, people can collect wooden coins if they are club members and order the buffet.

After a certain number of wooden coins are collected, they can be cashed in for prizes which are located along the walls of the Sidekicks buffet room.



The wooden nickel program is a 21st Services Squadron Marketing program designed to reward lunchtime patrons of the Enlisted Club.

SERVICES CALENDARS				
At the Officers’ Club	June 28-- Live Maine lobster, \$15.95 for members	July 10-- Mongolian Barbecue, 6-8 p.m.	July 11-- Crab legs, \$16.95 for a pound of Alaskan Crab legs	July 20-- Gourmet dinner night, reservations required
At the Enlisted Club	July 3-- Mexican food buffet, 5-7 p.m., \$5.95 for members	July 17-- Membership night, 5-7 p.m.	July 18-- Mongolian Barbecue, 5-7 p.m.	July 24-- Oriental food buffet, 5-7 p.m., \$5.95 for members
At the Aero Club	July 4-- A \$10 discount on all recreational Cessna flights.	July 6-- Spouse Support ground school, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	July 6-- Finish your annual and get \$5 per hour discount rate.	July 22-26-- Aviation day camps.

### This Week

#### Today

- Estate Planning Seminar, 1-4 p.m., at the Family Support Center.

#### Saturday

- Junior golf, noon-12:30 p.m., at the golf course.

#### Monday

- NCO induction ceremony, 3:30 p.m., at the Enlisted Club.

#### Tuesday

- Sponsorship Training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center

#### Wednesday

- Bone Marrow drive, 9 a.m.-noon, at the chapel.
- Intramural 8-ball, 5 p.m., at the Enlisted Club.

#### Thursday

- The commissary will be open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
- The Family Support Center will be closed.
- The Aquatics Center will be closed.
- The Officers’ Club will be closed.
- The Enlisted Club will be closed.
- The Teen Center will be closed.
- Family Advocacy will be closed.

#### July 5

- The Teen Center will be closed.

### Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers’ Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support 556-6141
- Chapel 556-4442
- Red Cross 556-9201
- Aragon Menu Line 556-4782

### This Week



# Around the World in Ninety Days

*Start your journey at Services facilities, functions across Peterson*

By Tech. Sgt.  
Michael Phillips  
and Mike Brown  
*21st Space Wing Public Affairs*

Air Mobility Command and Air Force Space Command's Around the World in Ninety Days promotion is in full swing again this summer. ATWIND gives players a chance to win great prizes while participating in selected Services activities.

"ATWIND is an interactive, Web-based program

designed to make people aware of what great programs we have right here on base, and to get people participating in them," said Margie Arnold, 21st Services Squadron marketing writer and editor.

To play, participants register for a PIN number at [www.atwind.com](http://www.atwind.com).

After they've registered, players earn game pieces at many different Services locations such as the base library, the officer and enlisted clubs, golf course, aquatics center, auto skills center, and more.

Starting at Scott Air

Force Base, Ill., players use game pieces earned by participating in Services activities to add up the miles on their trip around the world.

Each game piece registered is worth 1,100 miles. As participants reach each destination, they register for prize drawings for that destination. Prizes at stops along the route include cash, 36-inch TVs, music systems and more.

Completing the entire route registers players for even larger prizes, such as vacations and automobiles.

"The whole point of



Photo by Mike Brown

**These three vehicle can be won by playing ATWIND. After reaching all of the destinations on the map, a player is registered for the grand prizes.**

ATWIND is to increase participation in Services activities," said Warren Schroeder, 21st Services Squadron marketing director. "It's the best promotion we have all year because there are lots of prizes, and some are really big."

There is even a calendar on the Website so people can watch for upcoming ATWIND events.

"The chances of winning are very high because there are so many prizes to be won," said Schroeder.

Air Mobility Command and Air Force Space Command will each award \$100,000 as ATWIND program incentives, so your participation in ATWIND can help win

Peterson thousands of dollars.

"The more people that play the game, the more chances Services has to win money for programs, which in turn goes right back into programs for customers," said Schroeder.

Last year, 1,388 people from Peterson Air Force Base participated in the ATWIND program. This year, the goal is around 1,450.

There are also random instant "Atwinners" along the way. "People can win with their first game piece, their first time playing," said Schroeder.

Retirees, reservists, active-duty military members and their families are all eligible to play and win.



Photo by Mike Brown

**Sharon Thorp, 21st Services Squadron, hands an ATWIND game piece to a patron at the Enlisted Club. The club is just one of the many places around base ATWIND is played.**





# Promotion Lists

## Congrats to Pete Complex’s newest promotees Majors



Barela, Eric J.  
Barrow, Franklin D.  
Beal, Donald C.  
Boerrigter, Dean G.  
Bohn, Edmund J.  
Bollinger, Peter J.  
Boyland, Roosevelt F.  
Brashear, Troy A. J.  
Burk, Michael D.  
Burnside, Brian J.  
Buzon, Steven M.  
Caron, Dennis F.  
Chrisman, David P.  
Cole, Barry W.  
Conerly, Chad L.  
Craig, Adriane B.  
Cutshaw, Roger C.  
Davis, Patrick W.

Dzialo, Dianne C.  
Economou, Anargyros E.  
Erickson, John W.  
Felker, Ross O.  
Fields, Carol M.  
Harris, Susanna L.  
Hutfles, Gary G.  
Iwai, Jean K.  
Joy, Matthew M.  
Kacmarynski, David  
Kaczmarczyk, Jeffrey  
Karpel, Christine A.  
Kochendoerfer, Thomas  
Leeder, Jeffrey P.  
Marks, Paul K.  
McKenna, Sean S.  
Ostrow, Mitchel T.  
Poirier, William J.

Queen, Daniel R.  
Ramsey, John E.  
Richeson, David A.  
Roller, Richard B.  
Rowell, Robert J.  
Sauls, Todd A.  
Scarbrough, Jeffrey S.  
Sonnefeld, Fredrick L.  
Starkey, Billy L. B.  
Sundermeyer, Brian A.  
Thomas, John N.  
Tichenor, Brian C.  
Wade, William E, Jr.  
Waller, Jennifer L.  
Whittler, Lynne A.  
Dawson, Tonia J.  
Burke, Michael S.  
Wagner, Shawn R.

## Master Sergeants

Aldrich, Paul M.  
Anderson, Vincent R.  
Anglada, Melinda K.  
Anthony, Michael P.  
Banks, August R. Jr.  
Bashore, Terry J.  
Beach, Susan H.  
Beringer, Troy W.  
Brassfield, Paul S.  
Burns, William P.  
Butler, William E.  
Chavez, Kenneth M.  
Conen, Glen W.  
Connolly, Bruce T.  
Conrad, Mark J.  
Conway, Terrence S.  
Cook, Christopher W.  
Coppage, Johnny L.  
Costa, Keith A.  
Crist, Derek E.  
Culpepper, Darren W.  
Deardorff, Kevin A.  
Delvalle, Nelson  
Donaldson, Chris W.  
Dozier, Larry K.  
Drum, Brandy J.  
Duron, Ramon III  
Elliott, Corde M.  
Ellis, William S. II

Fenstermacher, Pete  
Franze, Erik L.  
Friesz, Kenneth J.  
Gardner, William W.  
Gebhardt, Kurt J.  
Gomes, Herbert L.  
Gonzalez, Henry  
Griffenkrantz, Arthur  
Griffin, Mitchell L.  
Grosso, Michael T.  
Hall, Melanie Damar  
Hines, Angela D.  
Hinojos, Jorge  
Holko, Andrew J.  
Holland, Shelton Jr.  
Killens, James III  
Kirkland, Earnest L.  
Koehler, Michael T.  
Konchan, Thomas S.  
Kurkowski, James M.  
Lagace, Daniel A.  
Lawson, John W. III  
Lenon, John K.  
Lyons, Ray L., Jr.  
Lyons, Thomas J.  
Macliz, Beatrice G.  
Marriott, Randolph  
Martinez, Jesus, Jr.  
McKinney, Kenneth R.

Moore, Olen K., Jr.  
Moore, Paul W.  
Morrow, Patrick B.  
Newhall, Donald A.  
Newman, Scott M.  
O'donnell, Michael T.  
Plumber, Patrick W.  
Purdy, Neal R.  
Pylkka, Christopher  
Quintana, Christopher  
Rademacher, Timothy  
Ritson, Gregg E.  
Rocha, Juan C.  
Royx, Barry L.  
Russell, Mark A.  
Rutherford, Kevin R.  
Santos, Antonio R.  
Sargent, Kelly M.  
Schroeder, Jeffrey  
Selman, Lawrence M.  
Sharp, Clifford R.  
Smith, Steven J.  
Soares, John  
Soto, Javier E.  
Southerland, Mark E.  
Spadaro, John D.  
Stanton, Glenn M.  
Stierheim, Douglas  
Strodtman, Paul L.



Stumph, Timothy A.  
Syvertson, Matthew  
Tapia, Armando  
Ulrich, Rose A.  
Vaccarella, Chris M.  
Vitanovec, Michael  
Watson, Cedric C.

Westing, Karen R.  
White, James A.  
Whiteman, Mark T.  
Widner, Michael A.  
Williams, Moses, Jr.  
Womack, Christopher  
Wright, Shawn A.



Anderson, Lois E.  
Ario, Arron  
Baer, Jonathan W.  
Bailey, Wayne C.  
Barker, Charles R.  
Barrett, William D.  
Barrows, Roberta L.  
Bates, Kenneth K.  
Bauerlein, George J.  
Becker, John L.  
Bermudez, Daniel L.  
Blackwell, Jason D.  
Bolin, Samantha C.  
Bosarge, Barton J.  
Botz, Paul J. Jr.  
Brewbaker, Robert A.  
Brosig, Jesse L.  
Butcher, Linda C.  
Buth, Keith M.  
Castro, David E.

Chapman, Elon B.  
Chapman, Shawn P.  
Chilton, Timothy C.  
Clark, David W.  
Clarke, John W.  
Collins, Ray A.  
Compoc, Cindy M.  
Coon, Ian E.  
Couturiaux, Dennis  
Cruger, Chancey B.  
Dasilva, Armando J.  
Davis, William T.  
Dellaccio, Peter J.  
Delobel, John S.  
Dragovich, Tina L.  
Emerson, Jeremy J.  
Franklin, Burchell  
Frederick, Scotty R.  
Freeman, Ronald O.  
Fuller, Daniel J. II

Gallardo, Roger J.  
Garvin, Carl D.  
Gazetti, James M.  
Gesick, Shirley J.  
Gliniewicz, Michael  
Gordon, Gairy A.  
Goretti, Kevin B.  
Gustafson, Terrance  
Hall, Daniel K.  
Hamby, Richard L.  
Hankenkratt, Brad L.  
Hernandez, George  
Hicks, Jesusita M.  
Horst, Jason M.  
Hosley, Jennifer M.  
Houth, William  
Howard, Robert L. Jr.  
Howard, Rosemary E.  
Hudspeth, Douglas R.  
Isernhagen, Amy M.  
Jacobsen, Michael L.  
James, Brian K.  
Jameson, Michael T.  
Kavanagh, Sean M.  
Keyser, Jason P.  
Killens, Shiree L.  
Kimble, Patricia  
Langley, Anthony G.  
Lassiter, Richard E.  
Lopez, Roberto, Jr.  
Lynch, Carl J.  
Macias-islas, Jose J.

Mack, Daniel J.  
Mack, Suchart  
Mattison, Eric C.  
Mattson, Jeffrey T.  
McAlister, Glenn P.  
McDonald, James N.  
McGrory, Jeanine L.  
Medina, Manuel T.  
Merriam, Jason P.  
Merrill, Ronald A.  
Meyers, Ronald J.  
Moore, Steven A.  
Morgan, Deirdre L.  
Nault, Sherry E.  
Oates, Michelle L.  
Parisi, Anthony J.  
Partain, John S.  
Peel, Shannon  
Poole, Kenda J.  
Proniewicz, John E.  
Pursley, Chantel K.  
Rabes, Erik D.  
Ray, Jerry E., Jr.  
Reed, Richard I.  
Richard, Kevin J.  
Richard, Robert L.  
Rinnels, Michael R.  
Rocha, Anthony R.  
Rosseau, Michael L.  
Saack, Moria C.  
Sanders, Andre W.  
Sanders, Elvin N.

Schoewe, Charles A.  
Schroeder, Chad M.  
Shappee, Brian D.  
Sheppard, Tammy A.  
Shoopman, Christina  
Smith, Kevin M.  
Snow, John D.  
Stine, Judy L.  
Stoneburner, Brian  
Swihart, James S.  
Switzer, James G.  
Trent, Gregory D.  
Turley, Timothy A.  
Voeste, Cheryl A.  
Wagers, Christopher  
Weber, Jason J.  
Wheeler, Richard J.  
Wilcoxson, David M  
Wilhelm, John R. Jr.  
Wilkes, Nikyla J.  
Windham, David D.  
Womacks, Scott A.  
Zipprich, Billie Jo

*\*\*Editor’s Note: All of the names of promotees were provided by the 21st Mission Support Squadron. The Space Observer staff apologizes for any errors.*



A fond farewell from outgoing chief

By Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler  
Former 21st Space Wing Command Chief

On behalf of my wife Julie and myself, I wanted to thank each and every one of you for the support and guidance you provided us during our tour here in the 21st Space Wing.

What a privilege and honor this has been being your Command Chief for the past two years. I leave here with many great memories of the people, places and missions visited.

I head off to yet another career change with many new challenges and opportunities to shine.

I'm saddened to be leaving the space community, but I'm also excited about being involved in testing and evaluating the newest munitions coming into our Air Force.

I leave the wing with full knowledge that my replacement, Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke, will be receiving the same great support and guidance I did.

The one constant thing in the wing has

been change and challenges (e.g. shutting down an old mission or standing up a new one). They are always handled by our people in the most professional and timely manner.

Take great pride in what you're doing, and in just being associated with this tremendous wing.

I know that next year at Guardian Challenge, you will have that opportunity to shine and bring the "Best Space Wing in Command" trophy home to where it rightfully belongs.

Take care of each other and best of wishes for you and your families.



New command chief says 'hello' to Peterson

Chief Master Sgt. Vance Clarke  
21st Space Wing Command Chief

I want to thank Brig. Gen. (Duane) Deal for selecting me to be a member of a great team--I am very excited to become a part of your great heritage, mission and future. Hopefully, my past experience will bring something to the fight that will be a help to all of you.

With the many challenges facing this great wing, the 21st Space Wing and "Team Pete," I will need a lot of help and direction.

I see myself as a servant to all of you: commanders, officers, senior noncommissioned officers, noncommissioned officers and airmen alike.

Each and every one of you is responsible for helping me. I will need your concerns, your desires and your knowledge to help make things happen. I can do nothing on my own. It takes all of you to make "us" successful.

With our many geographically separated units, this wing has many challenges. I look forward to visiting our many locations and operations throughout the world.

I hope to find ways to

have a presence from afar, and to be a help to all of you — near or far. Let me know how I can do that.

I believe our wing operations to be second to none, and Peterson to be a premier base in the Air Force.

From U.S. Space, AFSPC, the 302nd, the NCO Academy, the 21st SW, and the many other team members we have — to include the missions and tenants we will take on this year and in the future — we are all one team striving to protect and defend our great nation.

I see us as a "first class" operation, being looked at by many to see what we will do and how we will do it. I know we will do it well, and I am glad I am going to be a small part of it!

I am here to serve. If I can be of help, you need to let me know. E-mail, snail-mail, a call, or however you deem necessary, please let me know what I need to know. I am not a mind reader as Pam, my lovely wife, can tell you. Please say "hi" and let me know what you need.

Pam and I look forward to being a part of the 21st SW and Team Peterson. We look forward to meeting you all and working with you.

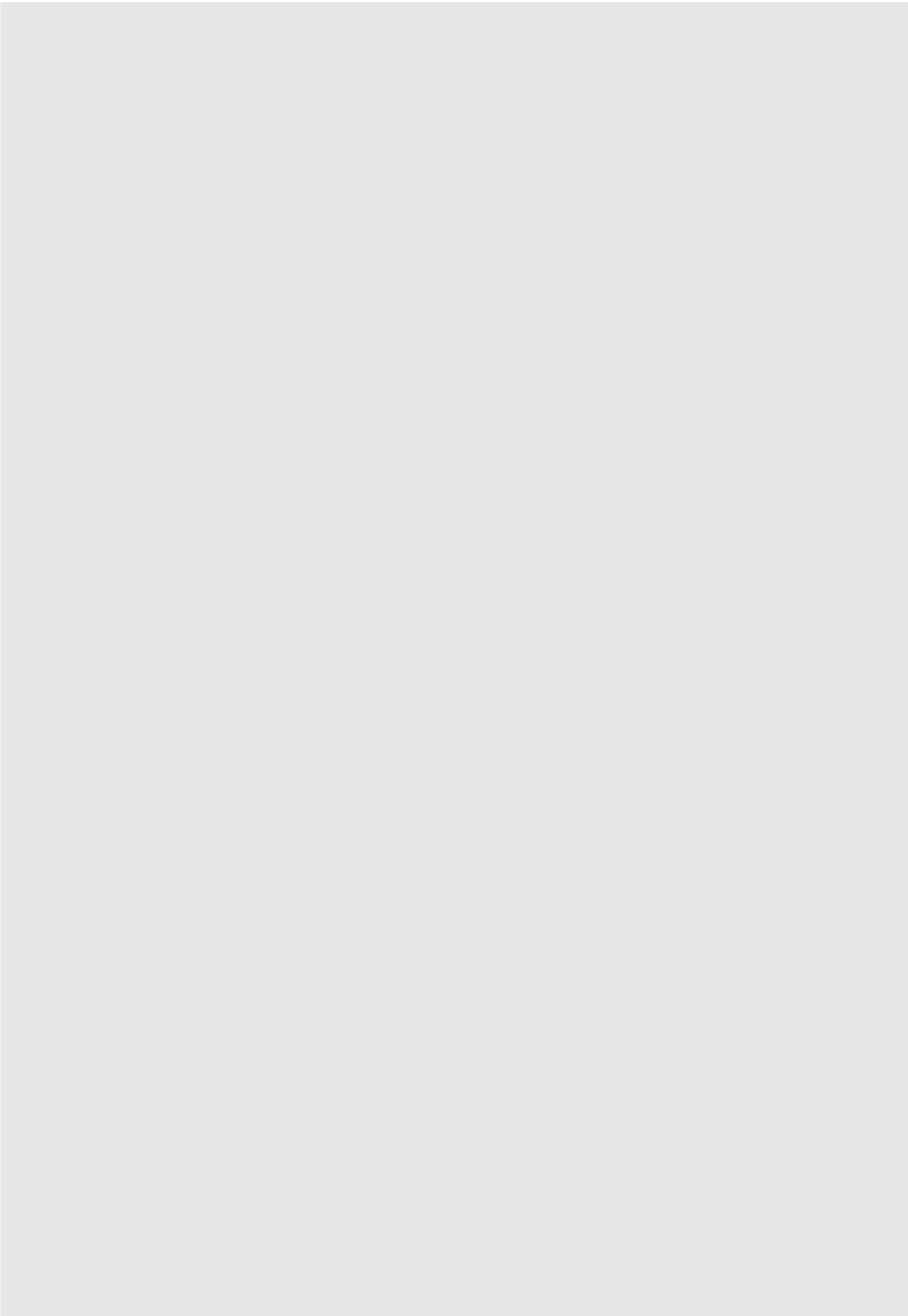
21st Space Wing, take me with you and lead the way — I'm glad to be here! And remember, "You can't beat Team Pete."

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Sports Shorts

■ The Fitness Center will be open July 4 from 7 a.m.- 6 p.m.

■ Air Force Form 303s are due July 8 for Men’s and Women’s volleyball. 556-7708

■ Intramural softball league are underway. Call for details 556-1515.

■ There will be a sand volleyball tournament, July 9-10. Call 556-1515.

■ There will be a 5K fun run at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station July 12, at 11:30 a.m.

■ There will be a self defense class July 13.

■ The Air Force-Army Women’s and Men’s softball

games are at Sky Sox Stadium, July 13.

The Women’s and Men’s teams from the respective services will play at 4 and 5:30 p.m. to defend their bragging rights. Tickets are available at the ticket counter at the Community Activities Center at Peterson.

Call 556-7671 for more information.

For information about these and other fitness month events, call the Fitness Center at 556-1515 or 556-4475.

*\*\*Editor’s Note: Events, times and prices are subject to change or cancellation without notice. Call the Fitness Center prior to the event for confirmation.*

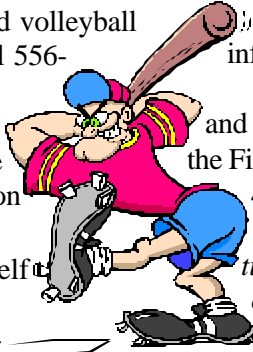


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Pedal pushers

Cindy White, left, explains to Yvette Walter how her leg should extend during a spinning class at the Fitness Center. Watch for a spinning class story next week in the *Space Observer* and for a Health and Wellness Center series in the upcoming weeks.